

WILLIAM SAFFEL ON TRIAL.

He is charged With Arson - General and Personal News.

Rockville, Md., November 20, 1889.

William O. Saffel, about sixty-five years of age, who was indicted several days ago, was placed on trial in the circuit court here yesterday afternoon, charged with burning the barn and stable on the farm of Mr. Thomas H. Marshall, near Washington, in this county, the evening of November 5. Two horses were in the stable at the time were burned to death. The prisoner is defended by Messrs. Reid, B. Peter and Edward C. Peter, and State's Attorney Kilgour is conducting the prosecution. Under the laws of Maryland the punishment for the crime is death, or from eight to twenty years in the penitentiary.

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orate affair and was attended by guests from all sections. In addition to the speakers of the county and other points. The hall was decorated with flags, evergreens and potted plants. The committee of arrangements was composed of:

E. Jones, H. Worthington Talbot and E. Bowie Vinson.

The guests present were Misses Jessie Taylor, Blanche Nicholson, Mary Brawner Katherine Lyddane, Laura Mulhall and Lane, and Messrs. Harry Beard, Leonard Smith, John W. Smith, J. M. Sneyd, Bearshaws, Frank Irisco, W. T. Davis, Wallace Orme and William Eggle, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. A. McCall, Baltimore; Dr. George Pratt and Miss Arabella Martin, Alexandria; Miss Sallie Hillard, Norfolk; Mr. George M. Gifford, New Market; Clara and Rena Mannakee, Kensington; Messrs. Laura and Sadie Bradley, Potomac; Mr. Arthur and Miss Margaret, Newburg; Messrs. Katharine and Clara Reed and Mr. G. W. Beall, Oakdale; Misses El-

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Interesting Operations of the Telegraph Battalion in British Army.

From Collier's Weekly.

In modern warfare the telegraph has long been recognized as an indispensable adjunct. For the mobilization of troops, the transmission of orders between distant and otherwise inaccessible points, and the direction of army movements and the scene of action, its swift and instant assistance is beyond estimate. Every war between civilized nations witnesses some new application of the electric system of communication, some extension of its operations.

One of these special lines of development is the installation of telegraph lines for temporary use in the theater of actual war, where the most reliable construction and rapid work are essential. Our operations in Cuba last year, and later in the Philip-

ordinary and successful telegraph service of this special kind. Bodies of men, skilled and experienced in the construction of telegraph systems, have followed the advance of our armies everywhere, over swamps, mountains, rivers and plains, and kept the communications open to the other and with all necessary points outside.

But in England, perhaps, more than any other country, has military telegraphing been brought to a high state of perfection. The war in which England is now engaged has already demonstrated the thoroughness and efficiency of the English system.

This work falls to what is known as the telegraph battalion. The men of this battalion are recruited from the ranks of the Royal Engineers, namely, scarlet with blue velvet facings. The battalion consists partly of mounted men, who are armed with cavalry sabres, and partly of mounted men have artillery carbines and sword bayonets. The horses are trained

As an instance of the excellence of the arm of the British military service, mention may be made of the work performed in the long and arduous campaign throughout that campaign the telegraph battalion managed to have a line laid to each place in the immediate vicinity of the front fairly established themselves. The wire, in lengths of a mile, was coiled on revolving wheels and carried on camels. As the camels were loaded with the wire, they were trailed on the ground. The work of stretching and pulling came next, this being done by the men of the battalion with alacrity and success. The operators in systems like these are provided with telegraph instruments of special make, which they use in the same manner as ordinary instruments, on the scene of action or wherever else the service may be needed.

Tribute to Deceased Comrade.

The clerks of the board of review in the pension office Wednesday adopted resolutions expressive of their sorrow over the death of one of their number, Christian Exl. The resolutions were to the effect that "the government has lost a valuable public servant, who was ever faithful to his duty; who heard the call to arms in the great civil war, and bravely met the foe; who, and responded with a prompt and willing heart, to lay his life and his service on the altar of his adopted country, and scrupled not to risk all in its behalf. Safely preserved him, and honorably discharged from military service, he entered the civil branch of the government, and for thirty-five years, he faithfully discharged every duty confided to him with such zeal, intelligence and

confidence of all who were associated with him.

"Superadded to a natural vigilance and tenacity of spirit in his industry, he brought to his work the benefits of a long experience in the application of the pension laws, so that the results of his efforts were of an ordinary character. In his death we have sustained a serious personal loss, and are glad to bear witness to his many virtues and unflinching good nature. We extend our sympathy to the widow and orphans of our departed friend."

The report conveying the resolutions was signed by R. A. J. Morrill, J. W. Davis, Chauncey Hicks, W. T. Pierson, P. W. Coleman.

Would Be a Good Riddance.

From the Topeka Capital.

Debs declares that his heart is with the Tagals. It would not Jolt this nation to an earthquake if the Tagals should all die. They also go over to them.

Have You Catarrh Taint?

Here's strong evidence of the quickness and sureness of that wonderful remedy, Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder: "For years I was a victim of Chronic Catarrh—tried many remedies, but no cure was effected until I had procured and used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. First application gave me instant relief, and in an incredibly short while I was absolutely cured."—James Headley, Dundee, N.Y. Sold by F. S. WILLIAMS, 9th and F sts.; EDMUNDS & WILLIAMS, 34 and 36 Ave. 17.